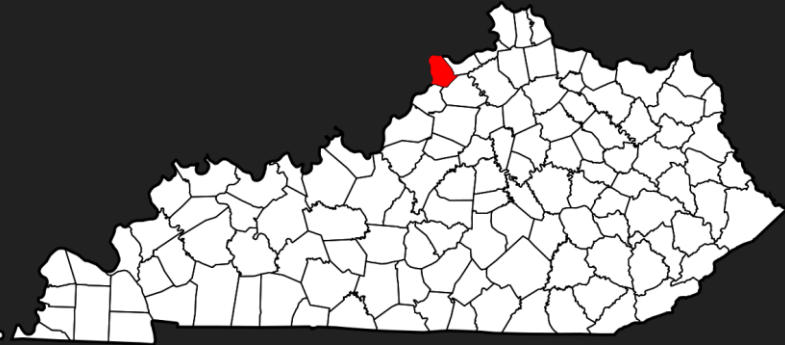


Community Partnerships to Feed the Children

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Background

- About Trimble County
- How the library fits into the community



History of food services at TCPL

When I started working here during the Summer Reading Program of 2013, I visited the Summer Feeding sites at our local schools. The only problem with these programs was that they only ran for two weeks during summer school. In the years to follow, I would hear about the great funding opportunities to host Summer Feeding sites at public libraries. However, I was told that several years prior the library had been a site but due to lack of walking routes and transportation it was not utilized very much. During the next few years, I continued visiting the schools during summer school and we also provided a light snack for students who participated in Camp Read. Library staff members would even personally supply snacks that stayed behind the desk for kids during summer.

Early partnerships

- Health Departments
- Community Center
- Extension Office
- FRYSC



Feed the Children solution

- Huge supply with stops all over the county
- The library is their busiest stop, and we gained access to meal packs from our FRYSC because we were in such great demand
- No time constraints or embarrassment
- Community outreach stops and Camp Read



Looking toward the future

- This is a year-round program
- Nearly zero cost
- This spring we'll partner with FRYSC again to provide lunch meals after our weekly Story Times



Wednesdays at 10:30AM

Born Learning

Story Times on this calendar marked with an * will be presented in coordination with the school district's "Born Learning" program. On these dates, come prepared for extra learning and educational fun for all! These story times will include one free book per child and lunch will be served immediately after the program.

2/14, 2/28, 3/7, 3/21, 4/11, 4/25

January

1/3: Welcome back with Snowy Stories!
1/10: Arctic + Antarctic Animals
1/17: Rhyming Words
1/24: Pirate Party
1/31: Library Olympics!

February

2/7: Community helpers
2/14: Valentine's Dance Party
2/21: Dinosaurs rock!
2/28: Mother Goose PJ Party

March

3/7: Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party
3/14: NO Story time today
3/21: Welcome Spring Party
3/28: Easter egg hunt!

April

4/4: Spring Break - Mad Science for all ages instead of Story Time!
4/11: Messy Art Party
4/18: Community helpers
4/25: Goodbye Story Time + Graduation Party

Story Time is for toddlers and preschoolers. In the event of bad weather, if the schools are closed then Story Time will be canceled. Preschool programs, like Story Time, run year-round on Wednesdays except for May, August and December - during these months we meet for an informal "Preschool Playtime" instead. This is a public program and photos may be taken; if that is an issue for your family, please let us know.

Final Thoughts

- Things to consider:
 - Your community's needs
 - Potential challenges (location, time constraints)
 - Local partners
 - Funding sources

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